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1992/215. Election of the Bureau

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 29 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Election of the Bureau" (item 1) to its substantive session of 1992.

1992/216. Elections, nominations and appointments

At its 4th to 6th plenary meetings, on 29 and 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to elections to its subsidiary bodies:

Elections

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The following eight Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, INDIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, SWEDEN, UKRAINE and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

POPULATION COMMISSION

The following seven Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CANADA, COLOMBIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY and NICARAGUA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The following ten Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: BOLIVIA, CAMEROON, CHILE, CHINA, DENMARK, MALTA, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following fourteen Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: BRAZIL, FINLAND, FRANCE, GUINEA-BISSAU, MALAYSIA, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, POLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, SUDAN, TOGO and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The following eleven Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELARUS, COLOMBIA, CUBA, FRANCE, GUINEA-BISSAU, JAPAN, SUDAN and THAILAND.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following twelve Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: BAHAMAS, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, HUNGARY, ITALY, JAMAICA, NETHERLANDS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SWEDEN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES and VENEZUELA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of five members from African States, one member from Asian States and one member from Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The following ten States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1992: BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, GERMANY, MOZAMBIQUE, NETHERLANDS, NEPAL and SWEDEN.

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The following sixteen States were elected for a three-year term beginning on the first day of the organizational meeting of the Governing Council to be held in February 1993 and expiring on the day preceding the organizational meeting three years later: BENIN, COTE D'IVOIRE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, GERMANY, INDIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), JAMAICA, NETHERLANDS, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SUDAN, SWEDEN and SWITZERLAND.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The following fourteen States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BELARUS, BENIN, CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, PERU, ROMANIA, SWITZERLAND, TUNISIA, URUGUAY and ZIMBABWE.

The Council also elected BAHAMAS for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of (a) two members from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993 and (b) one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Council elected URUGUAY for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

The following six States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HUNGARY, INDIA, ITALY and NIGER.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from the States included in List A contained in the report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes on the work of its first special session. 1/

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

The following nine experts were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993: Madoe Virginie Ahodikpe (Togo), Juan Alvarez Vita (Peru), Dumitru Ceausu (Romania), Abdessatar Grissa (Tunisia), María de los Angeles Jiménez Butragueño (Spain), Kenneth Osborne Rattray (Jamaica), Chikako Taya (Japan), Philippe Texier (France) and Margerita Vysokajová (Czechoslovakia).

EXECUTIVE COMMITEE OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/105 of 16 December 1991, in which the Assembly decided to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 44 to 46, the Council elected ETHIOPIA and HUNGARY as members of the Executive Committee.

Nominations

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

The Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, nominated the following Member States for election by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993:

(a) African States (three vacancies): GUINEA-BISSAU, NIGERIA and TUNISIA;

(b) Asian States (three vacancies): JAPAN, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF);

(c) Eastern European States (one vacancy): HUNGARY;

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States (two vacancies): ECUADOR and PERU;

(e) Western European and other States (three vacancies): FRANCE, ITALY and NORWAY.

1/ E/1991/69, appendix A.

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and General Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, nominated the following Member States for election by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1993:

(a) African States (three vacancies): EGYPT, KENYA and TOGO;

(b) Asian States (three vacancies): CHINA, JAPAN and REPUBLIC OF KOREA;

(c) Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy): NICARAGUA.

Appointments

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

The Council appointed the following three members of the Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1992: Ihsan Abdalla Algabshawi (Sudan), Aida González Martínez (Mexico) and Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands).

1992/217. Programme of work for the substantive session of 1992 of the Economic and Social Council

I

Programme of work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, having reviewed the preparations for its substantive session of 1992, decided that, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the content of General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, the programme of work for the substantive session should be as follows:

29 June	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
30 June-2 July	Committee segment (Economic and Social Committees)
6-8 July	High-level segment
9-10 and 13-14 July	Coordination segment
15-17 July	Operational activities segment Committee segment (Social Committee)
20-24 and 27-28 July	Committee segment (Economic and Social Committees)
29-30 July	Plenary meetings
31 July	Conclusion of the work of the Council

II

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decided that:

(a) The meeting of 6 July would be reserved for statements by Ministers and other high-level representatives;

(b) The one-day policy dialogue with executive heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system would take place on 7 July and executive heads would be requested to circulate their statements beforehand;

(c) Heads of delegation would be requested to make no more than three interventions of no longer than five minutes each during the three-day period, and would be requested to circulate their main statements beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with the media would be organized for heads of delegation who so desire it;

(d) The high-level segment would take place in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, which was a suitable venue for round-table discussions and dialogue among the participants. Throughout the segment, the President of the Council would be expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progressed and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue;

III

Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1992/204 of 7 February 1992 on the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1992, decided that:

(a) The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, would identify a number of executive heads of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system who would be specifically invited to take part in the discussion of the two themes to be considered under the segment. The President of the Council would then address a personal invitation to the executive heads concerned;

(b) Executive heads would be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand;

(c) The segment would begin with précis presentations of the statements of the executive heads most concerned with the subject-matter; their remarks would focus on the theme at hand;

(d) Executive heads would be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions, including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level;

(e) Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented at the Council would be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion;

(f) The segment would conclude with recommendations to the organizations of the United Nations system related to the two themes under discussion.

1992/218. Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 7th meeting, on 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, decided:

(a) To abolish its Committee on Natural Resources;

(b) To establish a functional Commission on Science and Technology for Development, a Committee on Natural Resources and a Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, for approval by the Council at its substantive session of 1992, the consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/235;

(d) To hold elections for the membership of the bodies mentioned above at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure;

(e) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its substantive session of 1992, a draft provisional agenda for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and recommendations for the programme of work of the Committee on Natural Resources;

(f) That the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should hold its first session from 12 to 23 April 1993 and that the Committee on Natural Resources should hold its first session from 22 March to 2 April 1993.

1992/219. Reconvening of the resumed organizational session for 1992 of the Economic and Social Council

1. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, in the spirit of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, as provided for in General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992, and in response to the request of the Commission on Human Rights contained in Commission decision 1992/117 of 5 March 1992, 2/ decided,

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2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22).

as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the content of General Assembly resolution 45/264, to reconvene its resumed organizational session on 28 and 29 May 1992 to assure the continued, timely and efficient functioning of its subsidiary bodies.

2. The Council, at its organizational session, would consider and decide on provisional administrative measures related to the mandates adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session, which would apply on a temporary basis until the Council had taken a formal decision on those mandates at its substantive session of 1992, it being understood that the provisional administrative measures should not be construed or interpreted as a confirmation of the mandates which can only be done by the Council after a substantive discussion.

3. The Council stressed that that decision had been taken on the clear understanding that it responded to the requirements of an exceptional situation resulting from the reorganization of its work. It was thus understood that that decision should by no means constitute a precedent and that it was the intention of the Council to ensure that, in future, administrative arrangements for the implementation of activities related to Council mandates had to be initiated after, and on the basis of, substantive consideration and express approval of each specific mandate by the Council. It was agreed that the need for strictly observing that practice would be of paramount concern in the organization of all future work of the Council and of its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264.

4. Provisional administrative arrangements decided upon by the Council at its resumed organizational session to facilitate the activities of special rapporteurs/representatives and working groups would be automatically terminated if their corresponding mandates were not confirmed by the Council at its substantive session of 1992.

5. The Council, at its resumed organizational session, would consider and decide on the regional allocation of seats in the three subsidiary bodies which the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 had requested it to establish - namely, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

6. The Council decided that nothing contained in the present decision was to be considered in any way to prejudge or determine the substantive discussion of human rights, including the question of mandates, to be held at the substantive session of 1992 of the Council.

7. The Council also decided to consider, at its resumed organizational session, subjects that merited urgent consideration, referred to it by its other subsidiary bodies.

1992/220. Meeting of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council decided to authorize the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances to meet from 18 to 22 May 1992.